

MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF THE ARIZONA STATE
BOXING AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS COMMISSION
HELD ON JULY 11, 2011

A Meeting of the Arizona State Boxing and MMA Commission was held on July 11, 2011 at 1110 W. Washington Street, Room 250, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Members Present: Michael Preston Green, Chairman
Joe Pennington, Commissioner (via phone)

Also Present: Dennis R. O'Connell, Executive Director, Boxing & MMA Commission
Matthew Valenzuela, Boxing & MMA Assistant

A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:

1. Pursuant to motion from Mr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Green, the minutes of the Commission's June 13, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

B. License Applications:

1. Pursuant to motion from Mr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Green, the professional boxer's license application of Yameen Muhammad (formerly Kevin Butts) per A.R.S. §§5-227, 5-228, and AAC R4-3-401 (36 years of age or older) – which was tabled at last meeting – was approved.
2. Pursuant to motion from Mr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Green, the professional MMA Contestant's license application of Michael Zanski per A.R.S. §§5-227, 5-228, and AAC R4-3-401 (36 years of age or older.) was approved.
3. The consideration of professional MMA Contestant license application of Carlos Ortega per A.R.S. §§5-227, 5-228, and AAC R4-3-401 (36 years of age or older); was tabled due to Mr. Ortega's absence.
4. Pursuant to motion from Mr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Green, the application of Alma Canez for an Individual Promoter's License per A.R.S. §5-227, 5-228A., B., E., 5-229 was approved in accordance with the recommendations contained in the financial review.

C. Event Request Dates:

1. Pursuant to motion from Mr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Green, the request by Alma Canez for approval of a pro boxing event at the Shrine auditorium, 552 N. 40th Street, Phoenix (venue changed from initial request) on Friday September 16, 2011 (A.A.C. R4-3-405.) was approved.

2. Mr. O'Connell reported that pursuant to a message received on July 11, 2011 from Lance Patrick (World Fighting Federation), Mr. Patrick has to cancel his event request for a mixed martial arts event in the Phoenix area on Saturday, September 10, 2011 due to problems in contracting for a suitable venue.

D. Information Reports:

1. Mr. O'Connell provided an updated event schedule.
2. Mr. Matthew Valenzuela reported on his visit to the Nevada Commission offices and attendance at an MMA event in Las Vegas on June 3-4. He will present a written report on this trip at the next Commission meeting.
3. Mr. O'Connell reported that he and Commissioner Pennington were scheduled to attend the Association of Boxing Commission's meeting in Washington, D.C. July 31 - August 4.

E. New Business:

1. The request from Michelle Rosado on behalf of Promoter Sonoran Capital to use business checks instead of certified funds for payment to boxers, officials and others was discussed. Absent a new submission of financial and credit information and review and approval of same by the financial review team, the requirement that certified funds be used remains applicable.
2. Mr. O'Connell provided the new schedule of license fees adopted pursuant to an exempt rulemaking procedure which will be effective July 20, 2011.
3. Chairman Green requested that the subject of identifying and training new officials, particularly referees, be placed on next month's meeting agenda.
4. Commissioner Pennington requested that on the next month's meeting agenda include discussion of the pros and cons of placing photos and perhaps a brief biography of all licensed boxing and MMA officials on the Commission's web site.

F. Old Business: None

G. Commission Reports: None

H. Executive Session: None.

I. Call to the Public: No one spoke.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, pursuant to motion from Mr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Green, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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